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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON ARMY ATTACHE BY BRAZILIAN ARMY

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1. AS REFTEL INDICATES, RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL ARMY ATTACHES IN BRAZIL, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE US HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT IN ANY WAY FOR RESTRICTIVE ACTION. MEASURE IS NOT SO MUCH AIMED AT "SANITIZING" FOREIGN ATTACHES AS IT IS MEANT TO SERVE AS A WARNING WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY (BA) FOR OFFICERS TO REFRAIN FROM TALKING POLITICS AND SHOWING REAL OR APPARENT SIGNS OF INTERNAL DISSENSION WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES.

2. OTHER THAN A PERCEPTIBLE DROP IN CONTACT ACTIVITY, WE HAVE YET TO SEE WHAT ULTIMATE EFFECT OF RESTRICTIONS WILL BE. ARMA COLLECTS MOST OF HIS INFORMATION OUTSIDE DUTY HOURS VISITING BA FRIENDS AND FROM CONTACTS DROPPING BY HIS HOUSE, AND THESE CONTACTS HAVE ALSO DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT AS A RESULT OF ON-HOURS CLAMP-DOWN. WE THINK IT PRUDENT, HOWEVER, TO WAIT TO SEE IF SOURCES COMPLETELY DRY UP BEFORE CONSIDERING RECIPROCAL ACTION OR SOME LESSER STEP.

3. FOR THE PRESENT, WE BELIEVE THAT ARA/ECA COUNTRY DIRECTOR, IN THE COURSE OF OTHER BUSINESS WITH SENIOR BRAZILIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS,
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MIGHT EXPRESS OUR CURIOSITY ABOUT THE MEASURE AND SEEK SOME EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR IT. THIS WOULD SIGNAL OUR CONCERN AND WE COULD THEN MEASURE RESULTS, IF ANY, OVER NEXT MONTH OR SO BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION.
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